

Senate Resolution 1143

By: Senator Chapman of the 3rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Ms. Maria O. Grovner on being named Georgia's Middle School Counselor
2 of the Year; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Maria O. Grovner has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for
4 the vital role that she has played in the lives of children and her deep personal commitment
5 to the education of the students of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, an honor graduate of McIntosh County Academy, Ms. Grovner earned a
7 bachelor's degree from Georgia Southern University, a master's degree from Troy State
8 University, and a specialist degree from Argosy University; and

9 WHEREAS, Ms. Grovner has implemented many innovative and creative counseling
10 activities at her current school, Creekland Middle School, which earned her recognition as
11 the Gwinnett County and Georgia School Counselors Association Region 2 Counselor of the
12 Year; and

13 WHEREAS, she has created an array of student activities that promote early college and
14 diversity awareness and a program that focuses on special learning strategies for students
15 displaced from their homes due to natural disasters; and

16 WHEREAS, Ms. Grovner coordinates a Peer Leadership Conference for Gwinnett County
17 middle schools, which brings together over 600 peer leaders throughout the county, and has
18 established numerous student programs to instill self-confidence, improve communication,
19 and facilitate student academic and social achievements; and

20 WHEREAS, she is an active member of the Georgia School Counselors Association, serving
21 as middle school worksetting vice president and cochair of the mentoring program, providing
22 assistance and guidance to school counselors across this state; and

23 WHEREAS, Ms. Grovner's commitment to improving the lives of her students and creating
24 a safe and welcoming school environment earned her the prestigious distinction of being
25 named Georgia's Middle School Counselor of the Year; and

26 WHEREAS, in recognition of her contributions to the students in this state, it is abundantly
27 fitting and proper for this body to honor the extraordinary commitment and accomplishments
28 of this outstanding individual.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 heartily and gratefully commend Ms. Maria O. Grovner for her sacrifice, foresight,
31 accomplishment, and contributions on behalf of Georgia's students, recognize the positive
32 influence she has had upon the lives and futures of countless young people in this state, and
33 congratulate her upon her recognition as Georgia's Middle School Counselor of the Year.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
35 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Maria O. Grovner.